

# SEASONAL

## CAR-PREP CHECKLIST

Staying up on maintenance all year long can help you deal with weather changes and difficult road conditions.

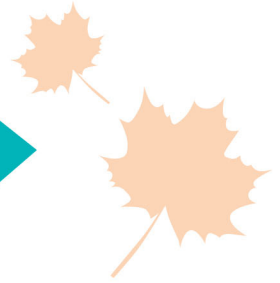


### Spring/Summer

- ✓ Periodically check and test batteries for proper charging
- ✓ Be sure the cooling system has the proper anti-freeze/coolant and all belts, hoses and the water pump are properly working
- ✓ Check air conditioning system for leaks/proper coolant
- ✓ Verify the viscosity of your motor oil, which needs to be 10W-30 or 10W-40 to withstand hot weather
- ✓ Check the tires for good tread and proper inflation
- ✓ Make sure the spare tire is inflated you have a jack and tire-changing tools
- ✓ Test your windshield wipers; change them if they are streaking

### Fall

- ✓ Replace worn tires
- ✓ Check your battery; replace if it's old
- ✓ Refill wiper fluid
- ✓ Flush and fill the cooling system with antifreeze
- ✓ Make sure your motor oil is formulated for winter conditions
- ✓ Clean and polish headlights and taillights
- ✓ Test the heater and defroster
- ✓ Look for cracked or leaking hoses and belts



### Winter

- ✓ Check your tire treads
- ✓ Test the battery
- ✓ Install new windshield wipers and fresh fluid
- ✓ Check your emergency kit, which should include a flashlight, jumper cables, material for traction (kitty litter or sand), snow shovel, ice scraper, spare water, blankets and food
- ✓ Make sure the spare tire is inflated and you have a jack and tire-changing tools
- ✓ Plan and know your route
- ✓ Practice cold-weather driving so you'll know how your vehicle responds
- ✓ Keep a full tank of fuel
- ✓ Inspect the exhaust system for clogs or leaks



### Roadside Assistance

Be prepared for emergencies by signing up for towing and roadside assistance through the NEA Auto & Home Insurance Program, provided by California Casualty. For as little as \$1 a month, it covers:

- ✓ Towing
- ✓ Lockouts
- ✓ Flat-tire repair
- ✓ Fuel
- ✓ Motor oil
- ✓ Dead battery jump

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